

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5790
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2002
IMPORT OF PULSES
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the farmers or from the State Government to stop the indiscriminate import of pulses;
- (b) if so, the details of the memorandum so received, State-wise particularly from the State of Karnataka; and
- (c) the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRIV. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) to (c): The Government have received a memorandum from the State Government of Karnataka for restricting the import of pulses. The gap between the demand and supply of pulses is met to a major extent by imports which are allowed freely. To provide protection to the domestic producers, the Government has raised the import duty on pulses from 5% to 10% in the Union Budget for 2002-03.